deals with them under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973.

Smuggling of Petrol and Kerosene

4328. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any increase in the incidents of smuggling of fuel such as petrol and kerosene by LTTE terrorists from Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check the smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Customs authorities have detected cases of smuggling of petroleum products by smugglers/fishermen from the coast of Tamil Nadu to Sri Lanka. The quantity and value of petrol, kerosene, diesel and other petroleum products seized by Customs authorities during the last 3 years are given in the table below. However, since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not possible to say whether such smuggling of fuel has increased.

Description	1990		1991		1992 (upto J ul	
	Qty. in ltrs.)	Value (Rs. in thousands)	Qty. in ltrs.)	Value (Rs. in thousands)	Qty. in ltrs.)	Value (Rs in thousands)
Petrol	2,645	33·0	5,275	65·8	735	11·8
Kerosene	2,767	8·2	1,790	5·7	1,000	4.8
Diesel	49,035	23·0	14,190	78·0	3,515	24·3
Other Petroleum Products . .					2,730	62·9

(c) The Customs field formations are alert against smuggling activities including that of petroleum products along the coast of Tamil Nadu. The Central Reserve Police Force, the Navy and the Coast Guard have also been deployed in the area. Close coordination is being maintained among all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling including that of petroleum products.

Minorities Cooperative Banks Operational in the country

4329. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Cooperative Banks of the Miorities functioning in the country;

(b) what is the financial position of these Minorities Cooperative Banks;

(c) whether Government propose to grant special subsidy to Minorities Cooperative banks; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to encourage the establishment of minorities cooperative banks on the lines of minorities Financial Development Cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per the

extent policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), no Urban Cooperative Bank is allowed to be organised for exclusive benefit of a particular religion and open membership is insisted upon. The Urban Cooperative Banks with limited area of operation, open membership and democratic management should be in a position to understand the problems of all its members including those from minorities and extend financial help and there is no need for setting up a separate banking institution for the purpose. Though there may be some banks which are stated to have more members belonging to particular minority communities, there is no functioning bank set up exclusively for minorities in the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

State level Inter-Institutional Committee

4330. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has constituted State Level Inter-Institutional Committees to help sick industrial units in the States by liberalising facilities for financial help;

(b) whether it is also a fact that State Level Inter-Institutional Committees is working in Punjab for the last five years; and

(c) if so, the details of the help rendered to industrial units in the State during this period, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Reserve Bank of India has constituted State Level Inter Institutional Committees (SLIITCS) in various States with a view to providing forums for adequate inter facing between the State Government and its agencies on the one hand and the Terms Lending Institutions like State Finance Corporations (SFCs) and Banks on the other hand. The role of the SLIICs is mainly:

(a) promoting coordination between banks and financial institutions;

(ii) provision of adequate infrastructure facilities for the SSI Sector in the State;

(iii) considerating general problems relating to sanction of credit to SSI units; and

(iv) considering sickness in the SSI Sector and steps rehabilitation of potentially viable units;

(b) and (c) SLIIC is functioning in Punjab since June, 1985. Since the SLIIC is mainly concerned with discussing sickness in the SSI Sector in the State in general and is not expected to take up individual cases of sick ness in normal course, the Reserve Bank of India has indicated that it is unable to furnish data regarding help rendered by the SLIIC to individual sick units in the State.

नहरों के निर्णय के लिए "नाबार्ड" से ऋण

4331. **श्री शिवचरण सिंह :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विश्व बैंक योजना के अंतर्गत नहरों (सी ए डी) निर्माण के लिए 'नाबार्ड" से लिये गये और वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा सीधे तौर पर वितरित किए गये ऋण की धन राशि कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या इन ऋणों को ब्याज रहित योजना के अंतर्गत शामिल किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या योजना के दूसरे चरण में वाणिज्यिक बैंकों ने राजस्थान भूमि विकास निगम के माध्यम से राजस्थान में किसानों में इन ऋणों का वितरण किया था, यदि हाँ, तो